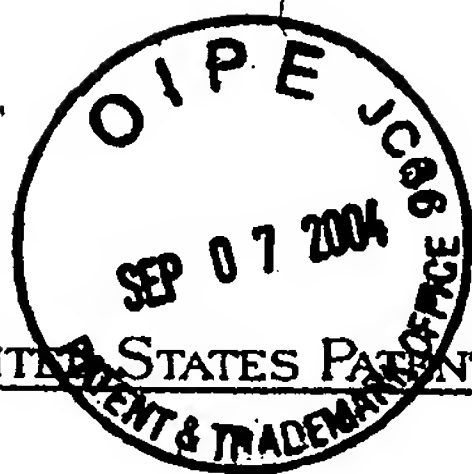


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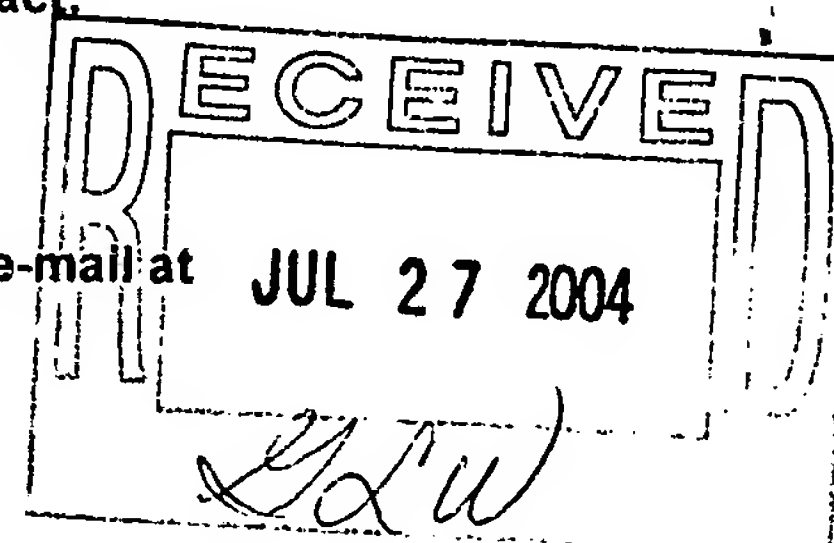
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1. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application ;
2. Combined declaration and power of attorney executed by inventors, David K. Kovalic, Yihua Zhou, and Yongwei Cao (3 pages);
3. Combined declaration and power of attorney executed by Thomas J. La Rosa (3 pages);
4. (1)CRF-computer readable form of sequence listing, (2) CD-Rs Copy 1, Copy 2 of sequence listing;
5. Amendment directing its entry into the application;
6. a return-receipt prepaid postcard;
7. Statement Regarding Sequence Submission; and
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